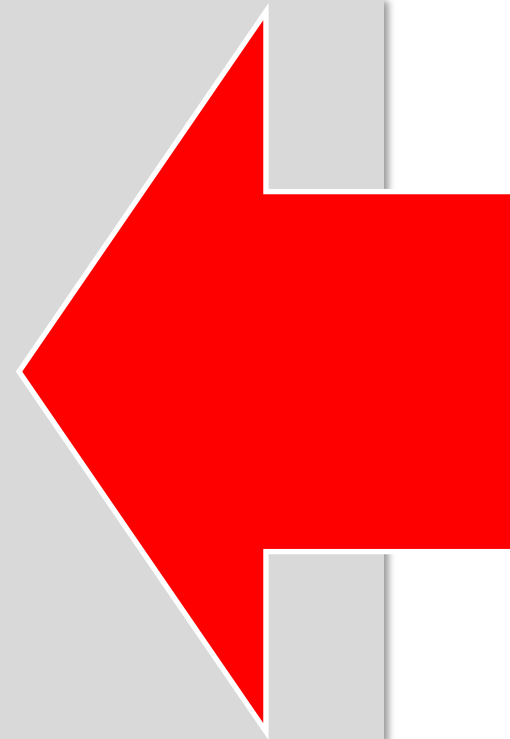


**NOTE!**

**Assignment 5 has 2 questions, but it counts for 10 points in my final grade calculations. Submitting Assignment 5 will earn 10 points if it is complete and on time! Think carefully about where people live... and where people do not live.**

**What are the characteristics of those places? Don't think in "modern" terms... Most of the most highly populated places are places where people have lived for thousands of years. The answers to this are not "China," "India," "New York City..."**

**You must submit your answers to the questions in Assignment 5 in Blackboard.**



## Assignment 5: Global Population – Where do we live? Where don't we live? Why?

There are two components to where people “choose” to live – the long historical need for places that could support human needs based solely on what nature provided, with minimal human intervention, and in modern times, places that we could use technological to make places acceptable for inhabitation.

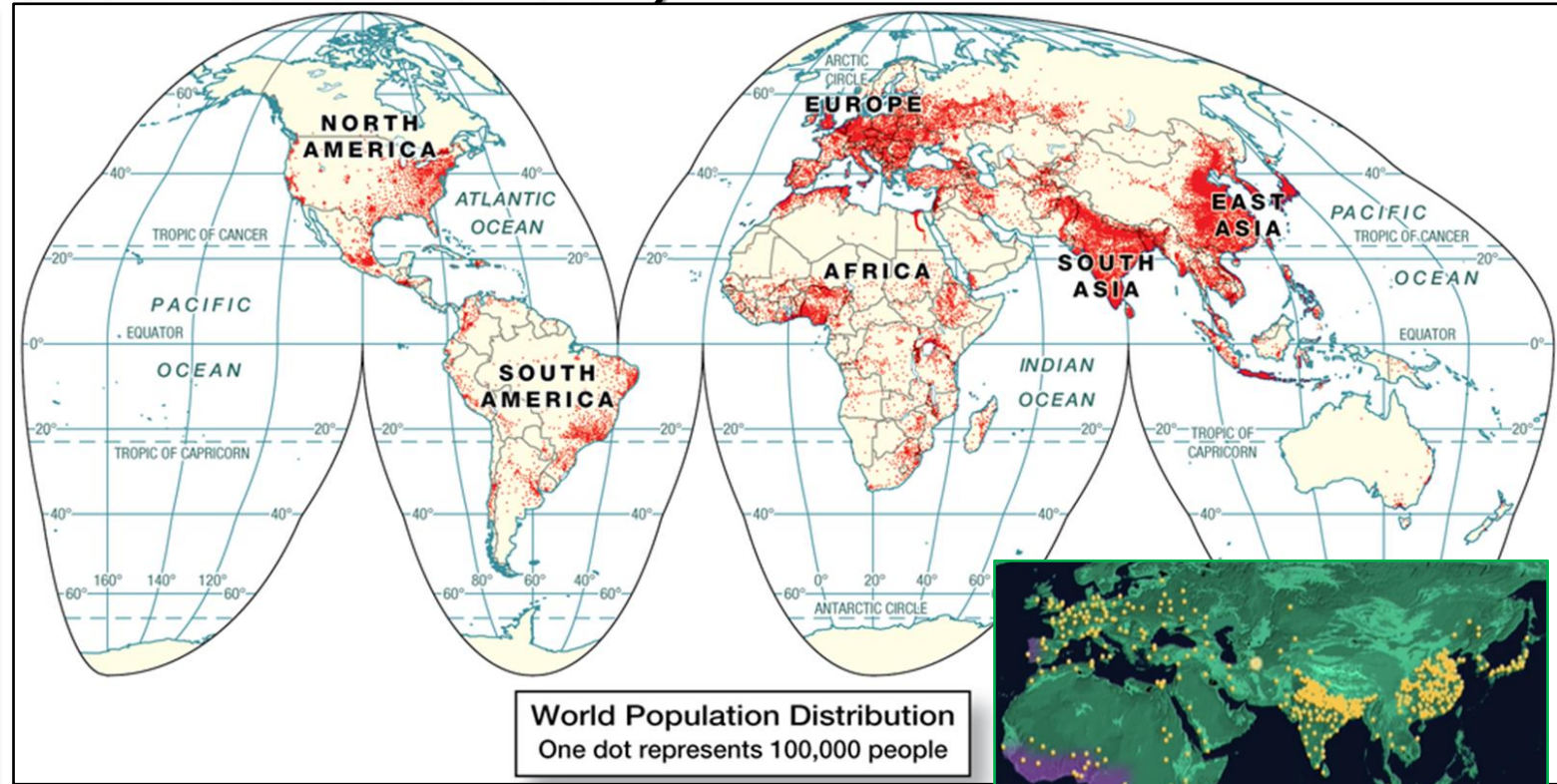
Florida is a good example of “making a place acceptable to live in.” In 1920, there were about 900,000 people living in Florida, and by 1940, the state’s population had only grown to just over a million. In 2019, Florida’s population was 21.5 million persons... a 2300% increase in 80 years. Why?

After World War II, it became possible to air condition houses... most prior AC was used for business. Units were large, and expensive. The invention of the room air conditioner (and later central AC) created artificial environments that people could live in comfortably. Add to that the post-war highway building boom and automobiles that were inexpensive relative to wages, both of which also made more land accessible... and Florida suddenly became desirable, rather than the disease-ridden swamp it was perceived to be before that (in central Florida, the area that now includes Orange, Seminole, Volusia and Brevard Counties was once named “Mosquito County”).

When answering the questions at right... do NOT think about modern technology... do NOT think about “Paris” or “New York City” or “Beijing”... do NOT think about “China” or “Brazil” or “USA”... do NOT think about “North America” or “Europe” or “Asia”...

DO think about the history of the most densely settled areas of the planet. Why did our ancestors settle in these places?

Note: If you compare the inset map (estimated populations in 1000 for Europe, Africa and Asia) to the larger map... note that the distribution of the human population is not very different.



Assignment: Interpret the dot map above (top).

1. Where do people live?

→ Note that where people live today most often are places that we have inhabited for a very long time, before most modern inventions

→ Using the map of human population above (top)... Why did we settle where we did? What was it about these places that made them suitable places for people to create permanent settlements at?

→ *What are the characteristics of these places that made them good places for us to decide to live there?*

2. Where don't people live?

→ Similar to the above question... but instead – why not in those other places? What was it about places where few if any people live that made them inhospitable... and where few people still live in today?

→ *Why they aren't these areas good places to live?*

Submit your answers in Blackboard. These are essay questions that I will grade manually.